



Laconia Links

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Lakeport Freight House

Recycling Challenge Update

2 week total - March 19 thru 30					
Route	Total Tons Collected (MSW + Recycling)	Total Tons Recyclables	Percent Recycled	Pre-Challenge % Recycled	Councilor
Remote Sites		21.05	N/A	N/A	Lahey
Monday	25.35	3.95	14%	12%	Doyle
Tuesday	35.71	7.05	20%	18%	Lipman
Wednesday	40.88	4.61	11%	10%	Hamel
Thursday	38.91	3.88	10%	11%	Bolduc
Friday	26.92	3.84	14%	10%	Baer
			Curbside Avg. = 14.0%	Curbside Avg. = 12.1%	Prior 2 weeks = 13.6%

Welcome to Laconia Links a weekly e-mail newsletter update devoted to keeping you informed of City of Laconia department news, City projects, useful links, activities and events!

Look for a new edition of the newsletter each Friday. If you have already signed up to be on our distribution list to receive your newsletter by e-mail, thank you for your interest! If you would like to be added to our e-mail list (or to unsubscribe), please click [here](#).

As always, we welcome your ideas and comments as to what you would like to see included in future issues. Just give us a call in the City Manager's office at 527-1270, or contact us by e-mail at info@city.laconia.nh.us

We look forward to keeping you up to date on our beautiful City!

The City's recycling efforts continue! Our current curbside average percent recycled continues to be slightly higher than the pre-challenge average from October of last year. Thanks go out to those who contributed to making that happen! There is still much work to be done to arrive at a solution to the City's solid waste costs. If you have suggestions, ideas or comments on this important issue we would encourage you to contact us at info@city.laconia.nh.us, or call the City Manager's Office at 527-1270. We appreciate your continued support!

Reminder! The next recycling collection week begins **Mon., April 9th!**




The City of Laconia Hilliard Rd. Brush Dump is NOW OPEN until further notice on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 8am to 3pm.
Contact Ann at Public Works, 528-6379 for info.



Laconia Police Department

[Link to Laconia PD here](#)

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Facts:

- Alcohol is a drug – a depressant that slows brain activity.
- Alcohol abuse, misuse, and addiction affects the entire family.
- Addiction is a chronic, progressive disease.
- Millions of Americans and their families are in healthy recovery from this disease.
- Alcohol and other drug addiction is **preventable** and **highly treatable**.

Warning Signs of Alcohol Abuse:

If you answer “yes” to any of the following questions, you may have a problem with alcohol:

- Do you drink alone when you feel angry or sad?
- Does drinking ever make you late for work?
- Does your drinking worry your family?
- Do you ever drink after telling yourself you won't?
- Do you ever forget what you did while drinking?
- Do you get headaches or have a hangover after drinking?

Source: SAMSHA



What can you do?

- **RECOGNIZE** the warning signs
- **KNOW** where to go for help
- **SEEK TREATMENT** if you or someone you know needs help

Help is Available! For confidential help contact:

- The NH Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services 1-800-804-0909 or 603-271-6110, or
- Talk with your doctor or health care provider

Upcoming Meetings...



Keeping the public updated and aware of what's going on in our community and receiving residents' feedback is an important goal of the City Council.

Check each week's issue of *Laconia Links* for a schedule of the upcoming week's meetings. As agendas become available, they will be posted to the City's website. You can also contact any of the City's departments for more information on a meeting or to obtain a printed copy of the agenda.

Meetings are open to the public....you are invited and encouraged to attend and provide input.

*Become involved
in your City
and make a difference!*

Follow this [link](#) to the “Calendar” page of the City of Laconia’s website. Click on a specific meeting for more information. Please check the “Calendar” page often for updated info and changes.

City Council

April 9, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 200A

[Agenda](#)

Human Relations Comm.

April 10, 2012, 5:30 pm
City Hall, Room 200B

Heritage Commission

April 11, 2012, 5:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 200B

Congressman Frank

Guinta’s “District Discussion”

April 12, 2012, 3 - 4 pm
City Hall, Room 200A

**LACONIA
PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT**



**FISHING EDUCATION
CLASSES**

Hosted by New Hampshire Fish & Game



Thursdays, May 3, 10 & 17, 2012 from 6:00 – 8:00pm
& Saturday, May 19 from 9:00am – 1:00pm (practice)
FREE at the Opechee Bathhouse
Kids ages 8 – 13 need to have a parent with them.
Call to register at 524-5046

This class will teach you basic equipment, fish ecology, responsible outdoor behavior, knot tying, fish identification, care of the catch, casting techniques and safety.

June 2nd is FREE
FISHING DAY!!!

For more information go to:

www.wildlife.state.nh.us/fishing/lets_go_fishing.htm

Click [here](#) for the
Parks & Rec. website

***Laconia Fire
Department***



A reminder to all residents that brush fire season is upon us and you are required to get a permit from your fire department to burn brush or to have a camp fire.

You can go to either fire station, on North Main Street or in the Weirs, to pick up a permit. You must be the property owner to get a permit. If you are not a property owner, you must have written permission from the owner to get a permit. You are only allowed to burn brush after 5 pm, unless it is raining.

Be very careful with any open burning! The conditions are very high for a fire to spread quickly. We may cancel open burning at any time due to high winds or dry conditions.



Link to Laconia
Fire Dept. [here](#)

Call 524-6881
For more info

**Laconia Public Library
Upcoming Events.....**



Movies & More for Kids

"HOP" will be shown on Friday, April 13th @ 3:45 in Laconia Rotary Hall. The film is rated PG and is 95 minutes long.

E.B., the Easter Bunny's teenage son, heads to Hollywood, determined to

become a drummer in a rock 'n' roll band. In LA, he's taken in by Fred after the out-of-work slacker hits E.B. with his car. Admission is free. Kids under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible caregiver 14 or older.

Teen Game Day

Tuesday, April 10th @3:30
Laconia Rotary Hall.

Teens in grades 6-12 join in to play Cranium, Jenga, and even PlayStation games!



Check out the Library's website—click [here!](#)

Updates from the Planning Office...



If you can believe it, the City has been busy working on Motorcycle Week 2012 planning since January!

Via Chapter 195 of the City Code, the Motorcycle Technical Review Committee (MTRC) is charged with reviewing applications from any property owner operating any of the following temporary land uses: Vendors or places of assembly, such as concert or beer tents, campgrounds, structures and parking lots. The Committee makes sure that events are orderly, compatible and safe, provide adequate parking, sanitary facilities, utilities and public safety services. This includes everything from proper electrical installations to safety lighting to pedestrian aisle width.

If you are a property owner who would like to participate this year, we'd love to see you...but remember, there are only two meetings left! [Applications](#) and [additional information](#) are available online; applications must be accompanied by a site plan and sanitary, trash and security contracts. Submittal dates are April 20th for the May 9th meeting and May 18th for the May 30th meeting.

If you have already applied to the MTRC and have been approved, remember that additional inspections and building permits for temporary structures must be completed by Friday May 18th. If you have any questions please call Zoning Technician Kris Snow at 527-1264!

Link to the Planning Dept's website for info and updates —click [here!](#)

City Manager Updates

Two new updates have been posted to the City's website to keep you up-to-date and informed on what's happening in your City!

First, check out the newest version of [Project Updates](#) providing a concise update of projects in the community.

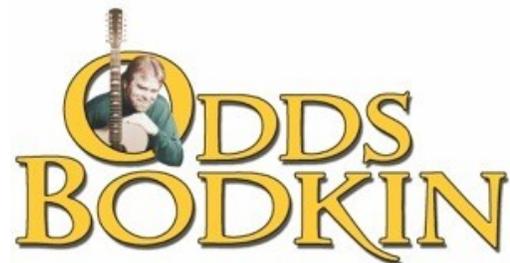
Next, take a look at the updated [Financial & Operational Trends](#) report. In this document you'll find financial information for the current year compared to prior years in several departments, such as fire and rescue call data, revenue from motor vehicle registrations and property taxes, winter storm costs, police incidents, overtime costs and much more!

We hope you find these documents helpful and informative!

Contact the City Mgr's office at 527-1270, or info@city.laconia.nh.us



Laconia Putnam Fund



Sunday, April 15, 2012, 3pm
Laconia High School Auditorium

FREE ADMISSION!
/NO TICKETS REQUIRED/
FIRST COME—FIRST SEATED

See our schedule online at www.city.laconia.nh.us
Special Events/Putnam Fund

News From the **Laconia Water Dept.**

PROJECT UPDATE !



The Water Department has concluded the hydrant flushing!

This Department would like to thank all of our customers for their understanding and cooperation during this bi-annual event.

The water portion of the construction project for the “Weirs Roundabout” is underway and everything seems to be moving along according to plan. For those who are not familiar with the project, during the re-construction of the intersection of Route US-3 and Route NH-11B, the Water Department had to relocate and relay about 350 feet of cast iron pipe which was going to end up under the new pavement for the “Weirs Roundabout”.

Here are some pictures of the new 12-inch Ductile Iron Cement Lined water pipe.



The Water Department is fully aware of the major inconvenience that the water portion of this project has been to our customers in this area, but thanks to everyone’s cooperation and support, we have been able to keep the project on track and hope to be done with the relay of the water pipe by the week of April 27th.

Please click [here](#) for the Water Dept. website!

LACONIA PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



LACONIA SKATEBOARD PARK CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

Laconia Parks & Recreation would like the public to know that the Skateboard Park will be closed indefinitely for repairs. All of the elements in the Park are in disrepair and need minor to major repair. There is a safety concern in opening the Park.

We are truly sorry for the inconvenience this causes anyone. We will open the park as soon as we possibly can!

Click [here](#) for the Parks & Rec. website





LACONIA'S SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS

MAY 5 and 12, 2012

8 AM to NOON

FREE - BRING YOUR DISCARDS TO THE TRANSFER STATION ON MEREDITH CENTER ROAD.

LACONIA RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS ONLY
NO COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES OR HAULERS.

[Proof of Residency Will Be Required.](#)

ACCEPTABLE: APPLIANCES, WATER HEATERS, FURNITURE, BEDS, PLUMBING FIXTURES, PAPER BAGGED LEAVES, DEMOLITION LUMBER, AUTO TIRES (limit 6 tires per customer). **NOT ACCEPTABLE:** AUTO TAIL PIPES, MUFFLERS, RADIATORS, ENGINES, BATTERIES OR HAZARDOUS WASTES, PAINTS OR SOLVENTS.

Electronic waste **WILL NOT** be accepted free of charge at this event. If you bring in e-waste, there will be a fee for its disposal.



SPRING LEAF PICKUP

During the Weeks of
April 23rd

&

May 7th

CITY CONTRACTOR WILL PICKUP AN ADDITIONAL 10 BAGS DURING THESE 2 WEEKS

(On your normal trash day)

All materials MUST be placed in PAPER COMPOST BAGS.

Please note that yard waste will be collected by a separate truck, **NOT** the normal trash collection truck.



Laconia's 2nd Annual Pooch Parade: **BOW WOW FEST 2012**

Saturday, May 5, 2012

WOW Trail - Elm Street Entrance - Lakeport Square

Registration forms found at www.wowtrail.org



For info contact Claire Hebert at Melcher & Prescott Ins. 524-4535, chebert@melcher-prescott.com

We hope you have enjoyed this Edition of Laconia Links

We welcome your input, comments and suggestions!

Feel free to contact us at the City Manager's office, 527-1270, or by e-mail at info@city.laconia.nh.us

Have a great weekend!

Scott Myers, City Manager
City of Laconia
City's Website: www.city.laconia.nh.us



Assessing

There are some upcoming deadlines to be aware of...the following exemptions/credits must have an application in by **4/15/2012:**

- Veterans Credits
- Elderly Exemptions
- Blind Exemptions
- Charitable forms A-9
- Current Use Applications

[Click](#) for Assessing Department....